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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Briesen Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The Briesen (N 53/A 19) airfield was observed on 9 and 15 February 1951. The field begins about 1 km east of the Brand (N 53/A 19) railroad station and is bounded on the south by the road leading from the Brand railroad station to Krausnick (N 53/A 19). No borders on the north and east were seen because woods were being cleared there. The landing field was about 3,000 x 3,500 meters. (1)
2. The Pauunion-East Firm and Fischer Firm, Herzberg (N 53/V 32?), had the contract for the work at the field. Laborers said that 460 employees were working in one shift from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (2) More workers were allegedly to be drafted because three shifts were planned.
3. A standard-gauge railroad siding was being constructed beside a narrow-gauge field railroad track beginning at the Brand railroad station and parallel to the Brand-Krausnick road. A large multi-story building under construction about 3 km east of the Brand railroad station was completed up to its second floor. Construction on a concrete runway has not been started. Supply shipments of building material for the field arrived at the Brand railroad station where large quantities of cement and lime and two concrete mixers have already been stored. Several temporary buildings were erected near the permanent building. The exact target date for the completion of the work could not be ascertained, but laborers estimated it to be about July 1951. (3)

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4. Two train schedules, dated 9 and 21 February 1951 respectively, and issued by the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad district, were obtained. The timetables contained information on special trains for construction laborers to and from the Briesen (N 53/A 19) airfield. The number of trains of the first schedule did not meet the necessary requirement so that it would have to be increased soon. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The construction at the Briesen airfield was previously reported by [redacted] Work started in January 1951.

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No data on the scheduled size of the landing field or other details have been received. For sketch of airfield, see Annex 1.
[REDACTED] reported that 1,200 laborers were working at the field.

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[REDACTED] that the target date was set for August 1951.

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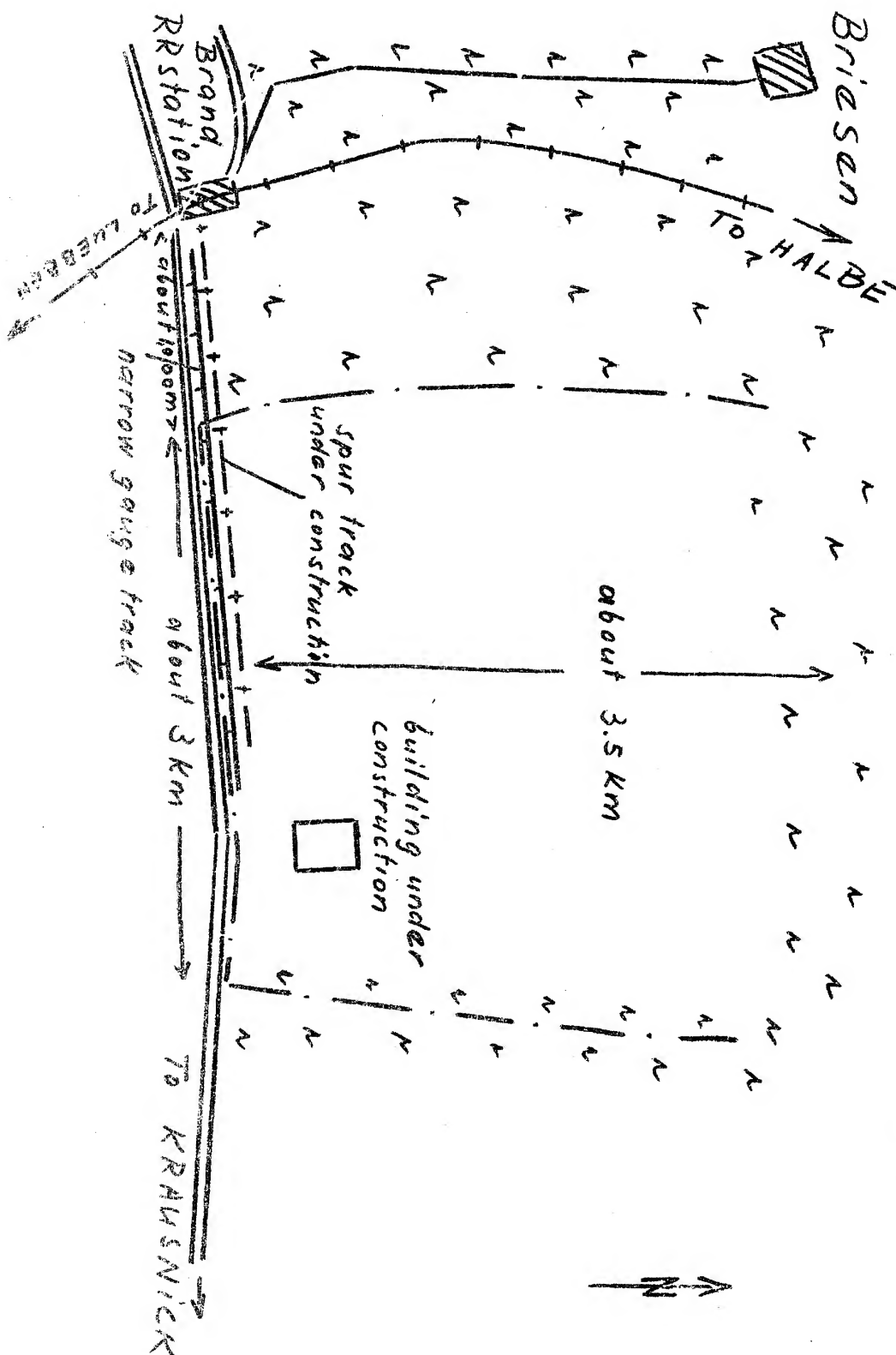
These timetables support the information [REDACTED] that construction was in progress in Briesen.

Annex : one sketch on ditto

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